

Staff Opinion

Something you
were told as a child
that’s not true as
an adult.



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Editor

All the Lies

I don’t know what it is about adults that makes them want to scare children about their next phase of life. I was told middle school is going to be awful. An

absolute nightmare. 60 plus questions on each assignment. High school will get worse. And forget about college. You have to give up your entire life for four years if you want to finish school with a passing grade.

All lies. None of these things are going to be consistently enjoyable or stress free. Middle school was perfectly fine. High school too. I had a part time job and had plenty of time for other things outside work and school. College is an adjustment, but stay on track, manage your time, and it’s a cake walk (for the most part).

Maybe I should pull a uno-reverse and tell the adults in my life what happens as they get older. Colonoscopies? Ya ready for those. Arthritis? Won’t that be fun. Want a hamburger? Not uh. You get jello.

Dear Math Teacher... What the World?

I don’t know about you but when I was told in school that I would need to learn how to do mental math, I really did believe it! Some things in school just had a lot of emphasis on them, especially the phrase “You won’t always have a calculator with you.” But actually it turns out that I do. Everyone has a calculator with them, in their pocket, everyday. FYI - it’s their cell phone! But what can I say, this was from a time when I also thought I would need the ‘Pythagorean Theorem,’ and to know that the ‘Mitochondria was the powerhouse of the cell’ on a daily basis.



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Check Under the Bed

I was told as a young child that there were no monsters under the bed. Little did I know that the darkness beneath a mattress held mysteries of new creatures who watch. Some of them do attack. Most just like to watch and play minor pranks. My parents will likely never admit to the monsters under the bed, but I can not overlook what I sleep above.



Pete DeMille
Reporter

Money Does Make You Happy!

Something that I was told when I was younger that was not true was how money won’t make you happy. In my opinion, that is one of the fattest lies ever. I feel like I would be much happier if I wasn’t so stressed about finances. Truly, I know deep down the bigger lesson that my parents were teaching me is that your life and memories within are priceless. However, I feel like I can make better memories when I am not worried about how much I am spending to make them.



Elena Sanchez
Reporter

Turn that Light Off!

More than one child has fallen prey to the age old lie that is the car light. Whether they believe it is illegal or life threatening; everyone, at some point in their childhood, has been told a lie about what happens when you turn the interior light on. Every kid has that core memory of sitting in the backseat turning off the light as fast as possible, being absolutely terrified of getting arrested by the cops or getting in a car accident because they HAD to use it. What nobody told us was that it is not actually against the law, even though it makes it harder for the driver to see the road. But one thing is for certain, everybody, everybody, thinks twice before turning the car light on.



Kerstin Hilzendeger
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Scan the QR code. This will direct you to the Editor-in-Chief’s email address. Send your “Staff Opinion Response” submission. Make sure to include your first and last name. Also, remember to title the email “Staff Opinion Response”.

That Won’t Fly in College

When I was in middle school and high school teachers were constantly saying things won’t fly in college. Like missing class, submitting work late, asking for an extension, etc. Teachers were hyping up college like this crazy scary thing. Yet it is quite relaxed and laid back. In high school, I would constantly hear, “We’re preparing you for college.”

A lot of the time when teachers said this it was when you’d ask for extra credit or ask for more help on a project. Obviously I know not all colleges are the same but I’m confident I can make a broad enough statement saying that most of the time college is a lot easier than high school. Less busy work, more time in between assignments, more understanding professors, and a lot more opportunities for help on homework.



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You Won’t Drown

When I was younger, I remember adults insisting I needed to wait 30 minutes after eating to get in the pool. They claimed eating before entering a pool could lead to fatal cramps, which would lead to drowning and eventually death. I took their warnings very seriously and avoided eating food near the pool at all costs. Then, after spending most of my childhood terrified, I went to a pool pizza party. Everyone ate pizza and entered the pool within five minutes and no one died. I was shocked and disappointed at how many meals I had skipped just so I could get in the pool to swim without having to wait. Later on I found out minor cramping can happen, but it will not be severe enough to cause drowning.



Natalie Lawrence
Reporter

Blue Raspberries Are Real

Throughout my whole life my favorite flavor has been blue raspberry. I drink blue raspberry lemonade, prefer the blue suckers over any other flavor, and pick “the blue one” every time. I always just assumed that there were blue raspberries out there somewhere but we didn’t have any here because blue raspberries were a tropical fruit.

One night while I was having a sleepover at a friend’s house I was telling them how we need to try and find blue raspberries because the real thing must taste so good. They didn’t believe that blue raspberries were real, but I insisted that they were and we had a very embarrassing talk with his mom after we asked her to buy us some.



Benjamin Wolff
Reporter